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#### General

1. Located at the Polish Naval Base in Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) is the Headquarters-in-Charge of all naval units and installations in Swinoujscie and on the Baltic Coast from the East German Frontier to a point between Niechorze (Horst-N54-06, E15-04) and Mrzezyno (Deep N54-09, E15-18).

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50X1 50X1 The base headquarters is a two-story building located in the city on Wybrzeze Wladyslawa IV Street. There are about 30 officers and Petty Officers assigned to the headquarters.

## Organizational Breakdown

- 2. In 1955, the Commanding Officer of the Swinoujscie base was Commander (Komandor Porucznik) Stanislaw Kanikowski. His Chief-of-Staff was Lieutenant (Kapitan) Kowalski (fnu). The Staff Political Deputy was Lieutenant Commander (Komandor Podporucznik) Patyk (fnu). The organization of the Swinoujscie Naval Command fell into three major subdivisions. They were:
  - a. Headquarters Staff
  - b. Units Afloat
  - c. Land Units and Installations

## The Headquarters Staff and Officers Attached to the Naval Base

- 3. In addition to the CO, his Political Deputy, and Chief-of-Staff named above, the Headquarters Staff comprised the following:
  - a. Senior Operations Officer (lieutenant)
  - b. Chief Signal Officer
    - (1) Assistant Signal Officer
    - (2) Three Signal Watch Officers
    - (3) Coding Officer
    - (4) Assistant Coding Officer
  - c. Navigator
    - (1) Two Draftsmen
  - d. Naval Aviator
  - e. Athletic Officer
  - f. Gunnery Officer
  - g. Documents ("Registered Pubs") Officer
    - (1) One Clerk
  - h. Two Repair Officers
  - 1. Security Officer (UB)

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- (1) Deputy
- (2) Chief Prosecutor
- (3) Five Clerks
- (4) Several UB Officers for Personnel Security
- j. Chemical Warfare Officer

## Units Afloat

- 4. The following craft were under the command of Lieutenant Worke (fnu):
  - a. A Flotilla of Assault Vessels
    - (1) 18 Landing Craft (Barki Desantowe)
    - (2) Group of Cutters (Zespol Kutrow Desantowych) nine 24-foot vessels
  - A Division of Patrol Gunboats (Dywizjon Scigaczy) two patrol gunboats

## Land Units and Installations

- 5. The following subordinated land units were located in Swinoujscie:
  - a. IVth Observation & Communication Detachment
  - b. 28th Guard Company
  - c. Rear Echelon (Support & Services) Unit
  - d. Port Platoon
- 6. The following units were located outside Swinoujscie:
  - a. Marine Battalion in Dziwnow (Dievenow)
  - b. Engineer Company in Dziwnow
  - Coast Artillery Battery in Janogrod about one and one-half miles west of Miedzyzdroje (Misdroy)
  - d. Antiaircraft Artillery Battery in Janogrod
  - e. Radar Post in Janogrod
- 7. The following are details on the units listed above. 1
  - a. The 28th Guard Company (28 Kompanja Wartownicza) (JW 2454a) furnished security guards to all installations in the area. Made up of personnel trained at the Recruit Training Center for guard duty only. One platoon was stationed outside Swinoujscie in Przytor where the main munition and food storage was located. A total of 100 men were on duty in Swinoujscie and 30 at Przytor. The platoon on duty at Przytor was rotated about every two weeks.
  - b. The Rear Echelon Support Unit (Szefostwo Tylow) apparently combined all the staff functions in a single large organization. The overall Commander was Lt. Jacholkoski (fnu). Subordinate to him were

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the Food Supply Officer, the Uniform Supply Officer, the Transportation Officer, the Medical Officer, and the Fire Brigade Officer. The enlisted personnel (about 100) of this unit were formed into what was called the Administrative Company The Supply Section was charged with numerous storage buildings and warehouses. The Transportation Officer and his assistant. the 'Motor-Pool' Officer, controlled the following vehicles:

- (1) About 10 ZIS trucks
- (2) A tractor with four trailers
- (3) Base Commander's Car (Pobeda)
- (4) Chief-of-Staff's Car (Warszawa)
- (5) Two "Jeeps" (Gaz)
- (6) 10 Motorcycles
- (7) About 10 wagons and 10 horse teams

The Fire Brigade Officer was in charge of two fire trucks and their personnel. The Rear Echelon Unit operated two tugs (1 diesel and 1 steam) and several small craft for moving supplies, etc. Also attached to the Rear Echelon Unit was the medical department consisting of two doctors, one dentist and some corpsmen who operated a small dispensary with a thirty-bed sick bay. The chemical warfare personnel under a chief warrant officer were assigned to the Rear Echelon Unit.

- c. The Port Platoon (Pluton Portowy) unit was apparently charged with repair and upkeep of vessels attached to Swinoujscie and with the maintenance of dock facilities and channels, etc. It even undertook to raise small sunken craft in clearing the Swine channels. There was a Platoon Commanding Officer with a Political Deputy. A CPO (Starszy Bosman) was in charge of the platoon's workshop where ten repair specialists worked. The platoon also had six to eight divers, a BM3 (mat), and three sailors who operated the base fuel barge. Two signalmen from this unit were on duty at the base telephone exchange.
- d. The Marine Battalion (Batalion Piechoty Morskiej) was stationed east of Swinoujscie at Dziwnow. The Unit had its own radio station. These Marines sometimes took part in landing exercises with the Polish Navy. No other details known.
- e. The Engineer Company (Pioneers) (Kompania Saperow Mar. Woj.) were construction and demolition men who wore navy uniforms but were not actually sailors. They were also stationed in Dziwnow.
- f. The Coast Artillery Battery (Artyleria Nadbrzezna Mar. Woj.) had four guns of about 10 cm and were located east of Swinoujscie on the coast about 1½ miles west of Miedzyzdroje, in Janogrod. Sources often observed practice firing, especially at night.

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50X1	h.	no further details on the Radar Post that worked with the Antiaircraft Artillery Battery.					

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## Legend to Enclosure

- Headquarters Building for the Polish Naval Base (Baza Marynarki Wojennej) - Two-story brick building, c. 15x50m located on Wybrzeze Wladyslawa IV. Radio receiving station located in the attic.
- 2. Strong Concrete Shelter One-story building c. 15x20m with about one meter thick walls, assigned as wartime emergency headquarters of the naval base. It was usually occupied during alerts.
- 3. Communications Center (called Wezel Lacznosci) In the southern part of the building it contained the telegraph and telephone exchange of the naval base; two stories high, brick, c. 8x30m. In the northern part of the building it contained the Naval Prosecutor's Office and Security and other offices.
- 4. Political Section and BOQ.
- 5. Headquarters of the IV Observation and Communication Detachment Three-story red brick building, c. 15x80m. On the second floor there was a radio station (sending).
- 6. Laundry, Shoemaker and Tailor's Workshop Small, brick, one-story building, c. 7x30m.
- 7. Kitchen and Dining Hall Two-story red brick building, c. 12x35m.
- 8. 28th Guard Company Building Two-story brick building, c. 16x80m. Small arms ammunition was stored in the basement.
- 9. Fire Brigade Small one-story garage for tools and fire engines.
- O. Boiler House One-story brick building.
- 1. Headquarters for the Rear Echelon Unit of the Naval Base Contained offices, sickroom, and stores; three-story brick building. In the basement was a food storage place. On the first floor was the head-quarters of the Administrative Company. On the second floor were the sickroom, medical office, dispensary, and dentist. On the third floor were a clothing store and chemical warfare equipment.
- Garages and Workshops, Garrison Duty Officer's Office, Gymnasium, and Radio Telephone Center - One-story brick building, 'L' shaped.
- 3. Guardhouse Garrison Duty Officer.
- 4. Officers' Club Two-story brick building, 8x10 meters.
- 5. Hay and Straw Stores.
- 6. Carpenter Workshop and Stores.
- 7. Pig Sty.
- 8. Horse Stables.
- 9. Coal and Coke Piles surrounded by a wire fence.
- Barges and Tanks Contained crude oil, gasoline, motor oil and alcohol. Guarded by a sentry.
- 1. Gate to the Port Platoon Area Guarded by one sentry.

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- 22. Port Platoon Area Three one-story wooden barracks.
- 23. Mooring for Landing Barges.
- 24. Mooring for Gunboats.
- 25. Mooring for Auxiliary Vessels Contained two tugs, a ferry, a rowboat, divers' motor boat, and a 60-ton floating crane.
- 26. Workshops Belonged to the Port Platoon; one-story, 10x12m.
- 27. Food Store New one-story brick building, c. 10x60m, built in 1953. Area around building was fenced-in coal storage, construction materials, etc.
- 28. Headquarters of the CO of the Garrison (Komenda Garnizonu) and Guardhouse Two-story brick building.
- 29. Observation Post No. 24 (Observation Tower).
- 30. Garrison Officers' Club Two-story brick building, white plastered walls, c. 20x30m.
- 31. Recreation Park, Track Field, Theatre, Etc. (Wojskowy Park Kultury) Fenced in by barbed wire and mesh net.

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